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Dorothy Jean Goode
10/17/52

I sincerely hope that I will
have a '53 edition of the Pow.
This one will be my class and I
hope to find myself in it several
times.

D. J. G.

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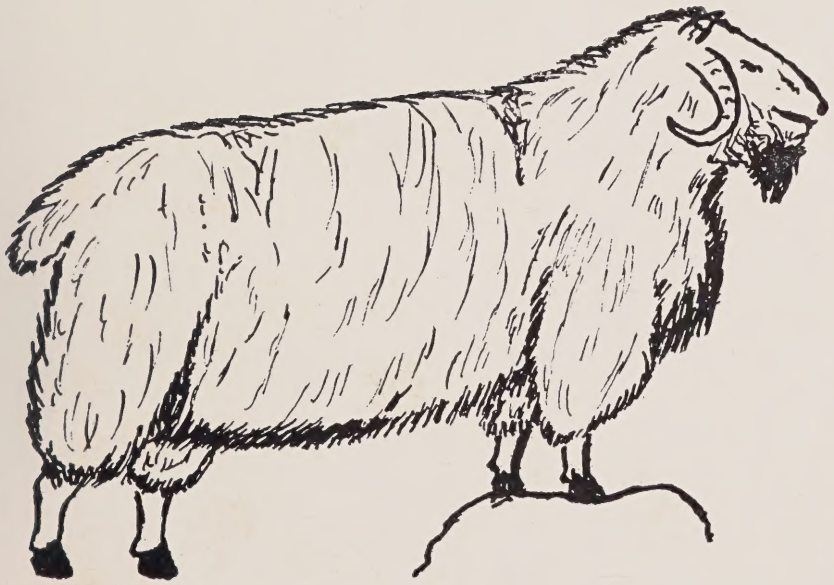


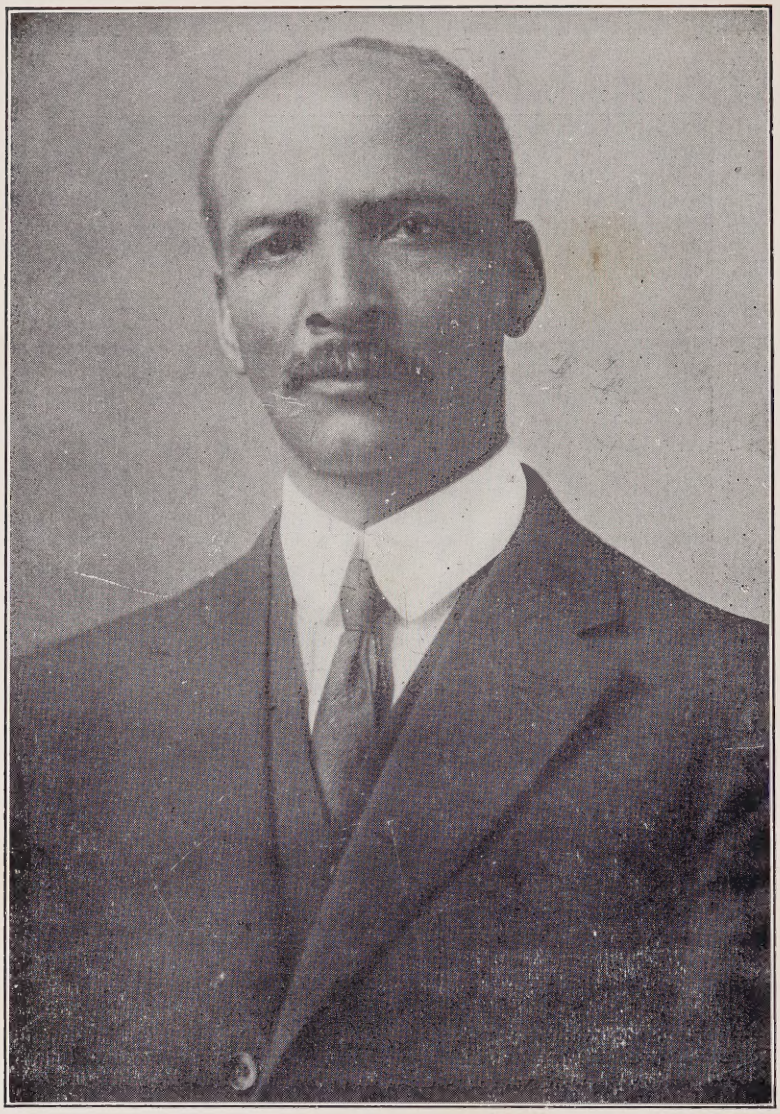
Dedication

MRS. R. E. HOWELL

We, the members of the graduating class of '51, dedicate this, the fifth edition of the Ram, to Mrs. R. E. Howell, who has been an inspiration to us in reaching our goal in high school.

Realizing that her untiring efforts which she has devoted to make us a success will not be forgotten upon graduation, but will inspire us in our further achievements, it is with the greatest of pride and devotion that we dedicate this edition to her.

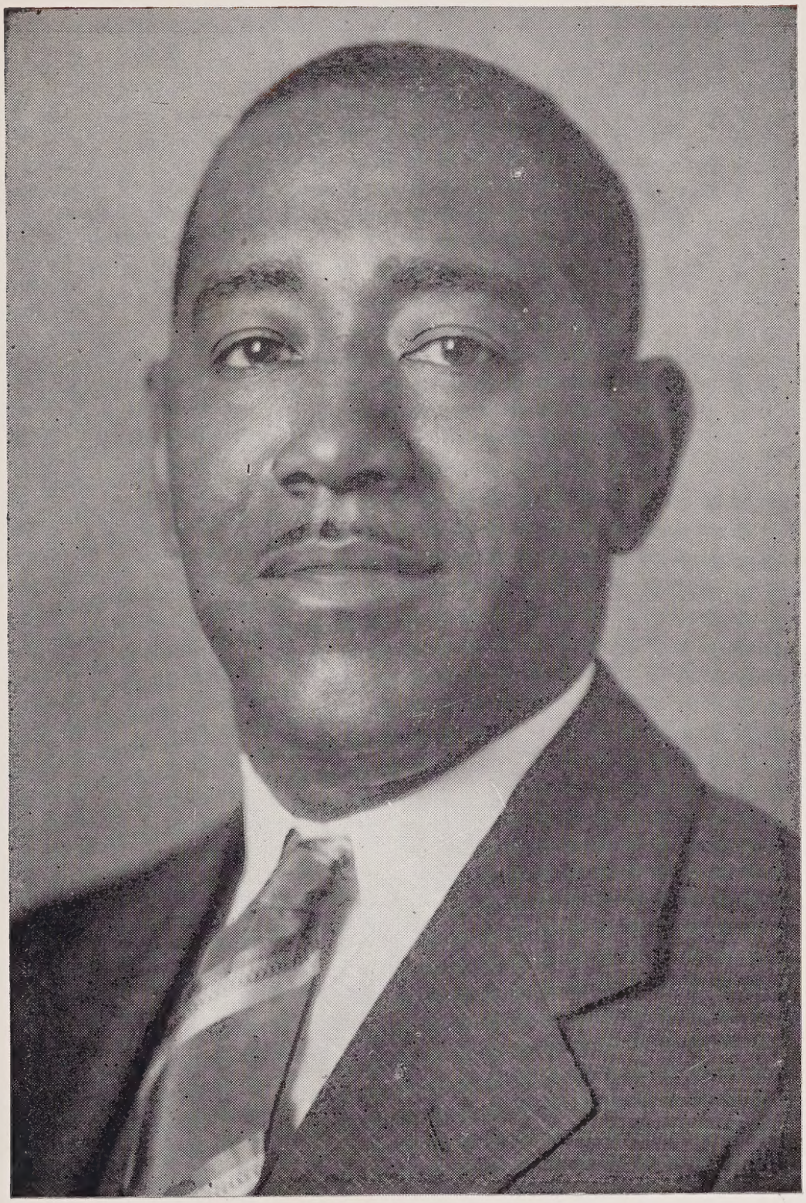
"Our Founder"



DR. GEORGE CLAYTON SHAW

No sower has ever planted a more fruitful seed, for your seed has provided educational facilities for many in the past, is providing such for many at present, and will continue to do so in the future. We who are among the many reapers wish to show our gratitude.

"Our Principal"



DR. H. S. DAVIS, D. D.

A true doctor whose patients at one time could not see the need of the pills that were being given, but now that we are well enough to take another step in this challenging world, we realize that the instructions of you and your staff are the main reason for our achievements.

The Faculty

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Mr. G. R. King, A. B., Lincoln U., Pa.—Science.
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Miss M. C. Morris, B. S. C., North Carolina College—Commercial Education.
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Mrs. A. M. Gillespie, A. B., Shaw U.—English.
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Mrs. M. H. Scott, A. B., Bennett College—Social Studies.

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*Mrs. M. J. Holley, B. S., Virginia State College—Home Economics.
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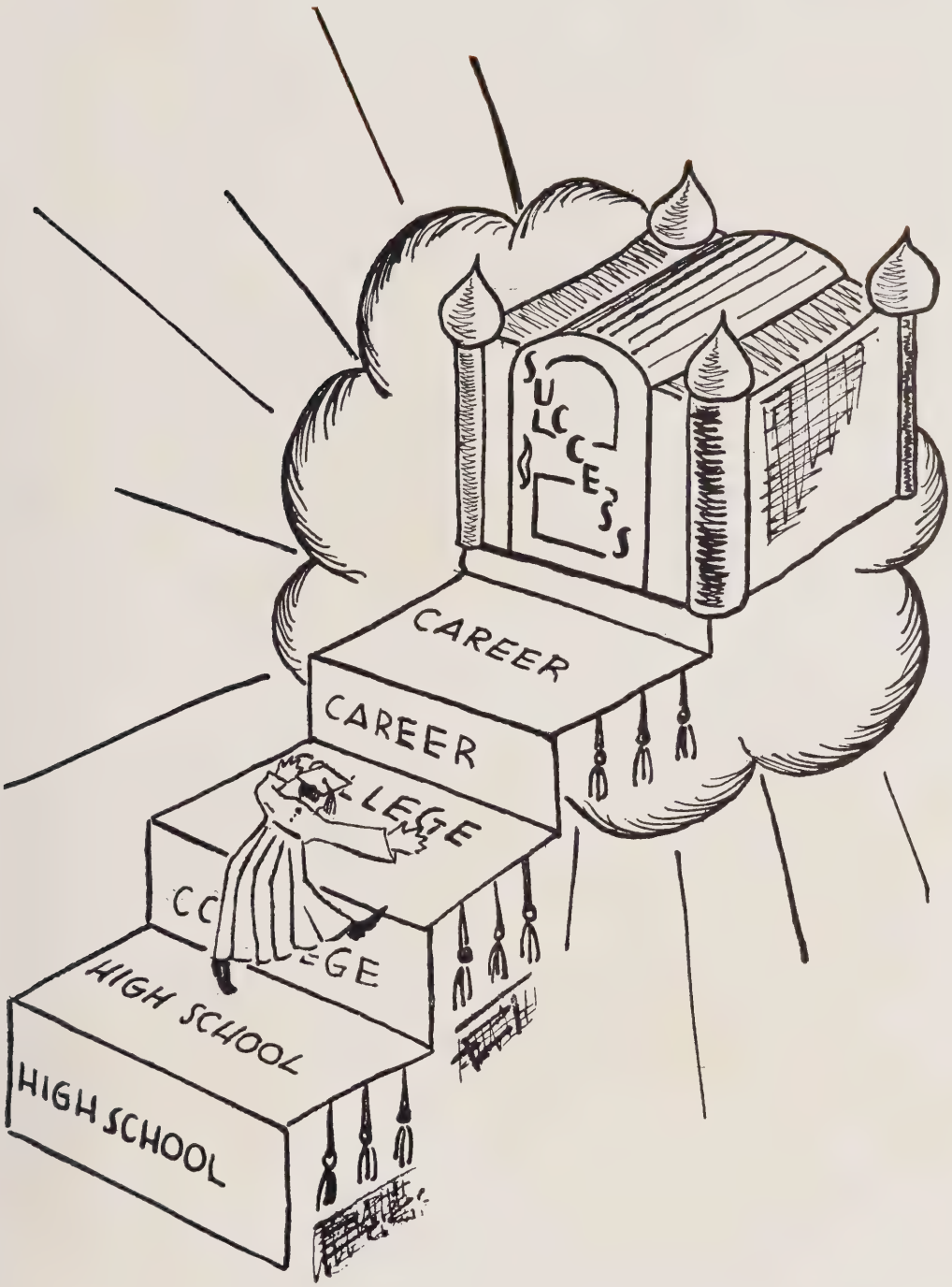
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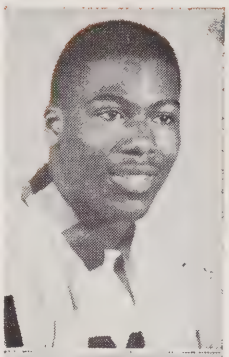


ANTENOR JOSEPH ADAM "Adam" Charlotte, N. C.

"The street called straight leads to a house called beautiful."

Hi-Y, Commercial Co-ed Club, Carver Chem Cam, Library Club, Westminister Fellowship, Intra-mural Basketball, Football.

Psychiatrist "Swimming and Wrestling"

MARSELLETTE BAKER "Mart" Kinston, N. C.

"Heights of great men reached and kept, were not attained by sudden flight, but they while their companion slept were toiling upward in the night."

Commercial Co-ed Club, Crown and Scepter, Carver Chem Cam, Dramatic Club, Westminister Fellowship, Library Club, Ram Staff, Gazette Staff, Sophisticated Ladies, Speech Club.

Psychiatric Social Worker "Sodas"

JUANITA GERTRUDE BALDWIN *"Nete Nete"* Pine Hurst, N. C.

"That which is beautiful is not always good; but that which is good is always beautiful."

Library Club, Commercial Co-ed Club, N. H. A., Sophisticated Ladies.

Elementary Teacher "To go to Bermuda"

ELIZABETH BASKERVILLE "Lil" Oxford, N. C.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers; none go his way alone, and all that we send into the lives of others, comes back into our own."

N. F. A., Intra-Mural Basketball.

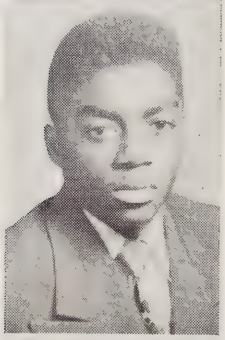
Stenographer "Oranges"

CAPPIE CHRISTINE BOONE "Chris" Oxford, N. C.

"Strive not to excel but to succeed"

Y-Teens, Religious Club, Intra-Mural Basketball, N. F. A.

Nurse "Reading"

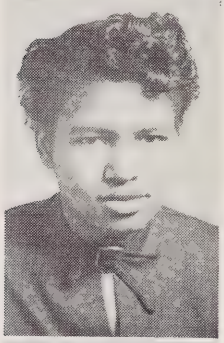


NATHAN CARTER "Nay" Brooklyn, N. Y.

"To see is to believe."

Good Will Club, Library Club, Dramatic Club, Crown and Scepter, Ram Staff, Patrol Force.

Commercial Artist "Basketball"

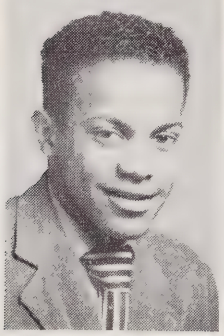


MARGARET ANN CREWS "Mac" Eagle Rock, N. C.

"To make the better best."

Choral Arts, Religious Education Club.

Nurse "Singing"

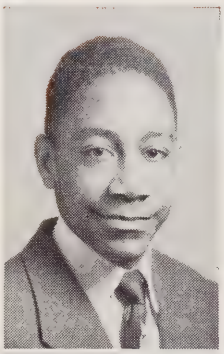


LEWIS EUGENE DARRELL "T.T.T." St. George, Burmuda

"The height of a man's pride can usually be determined by measuring the width of his intelligence."

Library Club, Commercial Co-ed Club, Hi-Y, Dramatic Club Speech Club, Gazette Staff, Religious Education Club, Westminister Fellowship, Wells Hall Recreation Club, Ram Staff.

Dentist "Milkshakes"

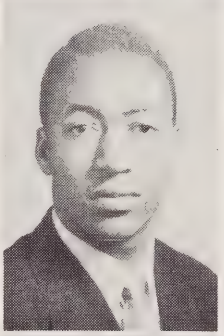


OWEN H. DAVIS "Sniffles" Oxford, N. C.

"Thought is the property of him who can entertain it, and of him who can adequately place it."

Hi-Y, Carver Chem Cam, H. S. Davis Ensemble, Dramatic Club, Crown and Scepter, Commercial Coed Club, Westminister Fellowship, Gazette Staff, Ram Staff.

Dentist "Sweets"

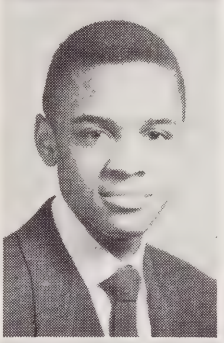


ELLIS EDWARD DAYE "Sweetie" Oxford, N. C.

"Whatever you do, "Don't."

Basketball, Football, Religious Education Club, N. H. A., Baseball.

Physical Education Teacher "Pro Football"

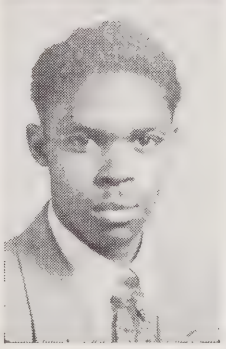


SELDON GEORGE DIX, II "The Hawk"
Bridgeville, Deleware

"Don't put off tomorrow what you can do to-day."

Hi-Y, Commercial Co-ed Club, Wells Hall Recreation Club, Westminister Fellowship, Patrol Force, Crown and Scepter, Carver Chem Cam, H. S. Davis Ensemble, Ram Staff.

Commercial Artist "Drawing Cartoons"



JOE ALFRED DOWNEY "Iowina" Oxford, N. C.

"There is but one straight road to success"

N. F. A., Dramatic Club, Good Will Club, Library Club.

Stenographer "Chicken"

THELMA FARMER "Buck" Durham, N. C.

"It is better to know little, than not know anything at all."

Library Club, Carver Chem Cam, N. H. A., M. P. M. Choral Arts, Glee Club, Religious Education Club, Sophisticated Ladies.

Laboratory Technician

"Basketball and Banana Pudding"

DOROTHY LOUISE FAUCETTE "Dot" Oxford, N. C.

"My aim is success; My hope is to win"

Religious Education Club, N. H. A., Intra-mural Basketball.

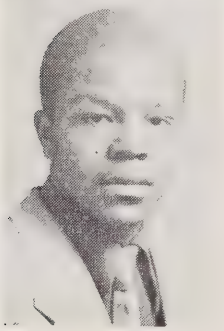
Seamstress "Dancing"

LOIS JOSEPHINE FOUNTAIN "Jo" Norfolk, Va.

"There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us that it behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us."

Girls Glee Club, Choir, Religious Education Club, Dramatic Club, Sophisticated Ladies.

Lawyer "To Go To Korea"



THOMAS WINSTON GARRETT "Thorpe" Oxford, N. C.

"You have to labor, try and pull, and slowly climb the hill. You will have to fight some battles hard and have a mighty will."

Crown and Scepter, Good Will Club, Gazette Staff.

Engineer "Great Jiver"

DELORES DELREO GIBSON "Gip" Wagram, N. C.

"I envy no man that knows more than I, but I pity the one who knows less."

Basketball, Gazette Staff, N. H. A., Commercial Co-ed Club, Westminister Fellowship, Sophisticated Ladies, Crown and Scepter.

Home Economics Teacher "Basketball"

MAXINE DUVAL HAITH "Pug" Irvington, N. J.

"Love is a mere chatter, friendship is all that matters."

Choral Arts, Speech Club, Westminister Fellowship, Girls Glee Club, Varsity Basketball, Sophisticated Ladies, Religious Club.

Commercial Education Teacher "Walnut Ice Cream"

GWENDOLYN HAMME "Gwen" Oxford, N. C.

"If a man empties his purse in his head; no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

N. H. A., Y-Teens, Library Club, Carver Chem Cam, Crown and Scepter, Intra-mural Basketball, Gazette Staff, Religious Education Club.

Medical Doctor "To Go"

GWINNE DEAN HARPER "Bow legs" Royster, Georgia

"Where ever there is a will there is a way."

Religious Education Club, Choral Club, Westminister Fellowship, N. H. A., Varsity Basketball, Y-Teens.

Missionary "To go to Bermuda"

CYNTHIA ELSIE HARRIS "Sister" Oxford, N. C.

"Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."

Home Economics Club, Y-Teens, Religious Education Club, Mixed Chorus, Varsity Basketball.

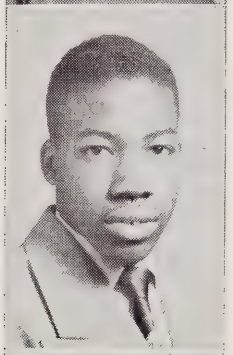
Teacher "Hot Dogs"

LILLIAN LOUISE HARRIS "Lulu" Oxford, N. C.

"I live so when I die, I may live again."

N. F. A., Y-Teens, N. H. A., Religious Education Club, Intra-mural Basketball.

Home Economics Major "Playing"



WADDELL R. JOHNSON "Brains" Wendell, N. C.

"Associate yourself with men of good character if you esteem your reputation, for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

Hi-Y, Crown and Scepter, M. P. M. Choral Arts, Carver Chem Cam, Dramatic Club, Wells Hall Recreation Club, Ensemble, N. F. A., Mixed Chorus, Speech Club, Westminister Fellowship.

Medical Doctor "Wood-Carving"

DINAH M. MANGUM "Tick" Apex, N. C.

"Measure not life by the hopes and enjoyments of this world, but by the preparation it makes for another; looking forward rather than backward to what you have seen."

N. F. A., N. H. A.

Teacher "Eating and Cooking"

ANNIE BEATRICE MARROW "Bea" Oxford, N. C.

"If you try once and don't succeed; try, try again"

N. H. A., N. F. A.

Stenographer "Eating"

JEAN ANTOINETTE MCDANIELS "Pinky" Kinston, N. C.

"I can do anything you can do, better"

Library Club, N. H. A., M. P. A. Choral Arts, Glee Club, Carver Chem Cam, Sophisticated Ladies.

Nurse "Crocheting"

VERA LEE MURPHY "Baby Lee" Clinton, N. C.

"To err is human, forgive divine"

Basketball, Commercial Co-ed Club, Library Club, Crown and Scepter, Carver Chem Cam, Gazette Staff, Cheering Squad, Choral Club, Sophisticated Ladies, Westminister Fellowship, Ram Staff.

Pediatrist "Candy"

LILLIAN CATHERINE OATS "Mickey" Raleigh, N. C.

"If I am dirty I can clean myself. If I am ignorant I can better myself. But if you deny me my rights just because I am black, I can only refer you to God who gave me my color."

Commercial Co-ed Club, Carver Chem Cam, Choral Club, Library Club, Gazette Staff, Westminister Fellowship, Sophisticated Ladies.

Pediatrist "Grape Sodas"

JARIE ANTOINETTE PARKER "Ree" Kittrell, N. C.

"Let us be known by our deeds"

Y-Teens, Religious Education Club, N. H. A.

Home Economics Teacher "Coconut Cake"

CLEO MARJORIE PAYNE "Cookie" Oxford, N. C.

"That which is beautiful is not always good, but that which is good is always beautiful."

Y-Teens, Carver Chem Cam, Gazette Staff, Commercial Co-ed Club, Dramatic Club, Library Club, Religious Education Club, M. P. A. Choral Arts, Westminister Fellowship, Speech Club, N. H. A., Intra-Mural Basketball.

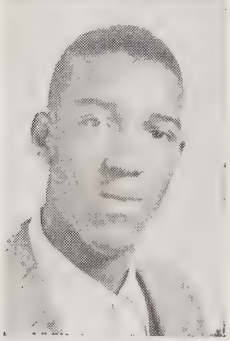
English Teacher "Ice Cream"

KATHERINE L. PEACE "Kat-Kitty" Oxford, N. C.

"In the lexicon of youth, which fate reserves for a bright manhood, there is no such word as fail."

Crown and Scepter, Y-Teens, N. H. A., Religious Education Club.

Elementary Teacher "Cadillac"



VINCENT PEACE "Tink" Oxford, N. C.

"We learn not for school, but for life."

Religious Education Club, Basketball, Good Will Club, N. F. A., Boxing.

Lawyer "Dancing"

Rosa Malinda Pettiford "Sweets" Oxford, N. C.

"Let us be known by our words"

N. F. A.

Stenographer "Chocolate Ice Cream"

Odessa Janet Ragland "Desse" Oxford, N. C.

"A man is known by the company he keeps."

Religious Education Club, Y-Teens, M. P. M. Choral Arts.

Religious Education Major "Good Detective Novels"

Jean Marcella Robinson "Shean" Edwardsville, Va.

"Think for thyself; for one good thought known to be thy own is better than a thousand fold gleaned from fields by others sown."

Crown and Scepter, Commercial Co-ed Club, Carver Chem Cam, Gazette Staff, Westminister Fellowship, Sophisticated Ladies, Ram Staff.

Psychiatric Social Worker "To Succeed"

Lillian Verdelle Sanders "Pernie" Raleigh, N. C.

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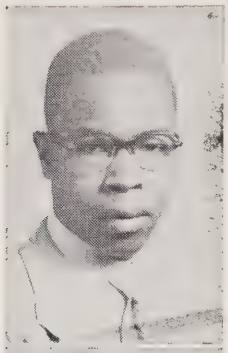
Library Club, Choral Club, Dramatic Club, Basketball, Carver Chem Cam, Girls Trio, Gazette Staff, Commercial Co-ed Club, Westminister Fellowship, Religious Education Club, Cheering Squad, Girls Ensemble, Speech Club, Sophisticated Ladies.

Cosmotologist "Playing Basketball"

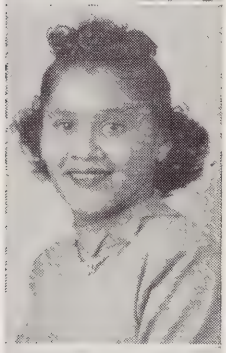


JONIS MARCONIA SATTERFIELD "Bobby" Camden, N. J.

"Never trouble trouble, 'til trouble troubles you."

Football, Religious Education Club.

Electrical Engineer "Pro Football"



DELOIS ARLETTE THOMAS "Dee" Roxboro, N. C.

"To find happiness is to enjoy life; To find knowledge is to know life."

Carver Chem Cam, Commercial Co-ed Club, Speech Club, Library Club, Gazette Staff, Choral Arts, Westminister Fellowship, Sophisticated Ladies.

Commercial Education Instructor "Grape Soda"

JEAN MARIE TUCKER "Wency" Raleigh, N. C.

"Behavior is a mirror in which everyone displays his image."

Crown and Scepter, Westminister Fellowship, Library Club, Girls Trio, Choral Club, Commercial Co-ed Club, Carver Chem Cam, Girls Ensemble, Cheering Squad, Manager of Basketball Team, Sophisticated Ladies, Religious Education Club, Gazette Staff.

Stenographer "Reading Novels"

SHIRLEY MURIEL WASHINGTON "Champ" Orange, N. J.

"There is no disgrace in having to spend twice as much time in mastering an assignment as someone else. The disgrace comes in giving up before you have mastered it."

Y-Teens, Carver Chem Cam, N. H. A., Religious Education Club, Choral Club, Dramatic Club.

English and French Teacher "Money, Fun. Clothes"

IONIA WILKINS "Skin" Oxford, N. C.

"I came, I saw, I conquered"

Y-Teens, N. H. A., Dramatic Club, Religious Education Club, Basketball, Ram Staff.

Nurse "Skating"

MADGE DELOIS WILSON "Lois" Oxford, N. C.

"I love my books as drinkers love their wine; the more I drink the more they seem divine."

Y-Teens, N. H. A., Intra-mural Basketball, Religious Education Club.

Stenographer "Dancing"

THEOLA WORTHAM "Thea" Oxford, N. C.

"My aim is success, and my hope is to win."

Y-Teens, Religious Education Club, N. H. A., Intra-mural Basketball.

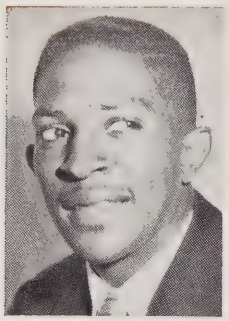
Stenographer "Sewing"

MARJORIE WYCHE "Train" Oxford, N. C.

"Disgrace comes in giving up before you have mastered an assignment."

N. F. A., Y-Teens, N. H. A.

Nurse "Chop Suey"



ERNEST THOMAS RIDLEY "Preacher" Oxford, N. C.

"To strive, to seek, and to find, but not to yield."

Football, Hi-Y, Baseball, Intra-mural Basketball, Industrial Arts.

Physical Education Major "Sports"

Class History

Spring is the time of all green and growing things, fresh and verdant in their newness to life. What more fitting then, than that Freshman in this green time of his life should enter school! The March winds and the April showers were very necessary to the budding of the shoots of knowledge in the Freshman mind. And we, so green and sweet in our dewey innocence received in the year 1947-48 the first seeds of knowledge and felt the first pull of the plow and the cultivator in this spring of our career. We were able to make proper adjustment, and by so doing, we were fortunate enough to be represented in all extra-curricular activities of the school as well as to maintain a high scholastic average.

Summer came upon us before we knew, and so delightfully did the season blend into the other. We found the skies so much bluer and sweeter, and the sun shone more warmly upon us. We held our heads very high and we kept the stalks that supported them very straight. They were not yet very heavy with their accumulation of wisdom and so did not droop with the weight, but our flowers were unfolding little by little. In this our sophomore year, we were slowly but surely coming out into the light of day. We were able to join many of the clubs on the campus—the Y-Teens, Hi-Y, N. H. A., and N. F. A.

Some of us were regretting the "dead delight" of our verdant days while others looked ahead, longing for the "new domain" where the Juniors ruled so royally. But our buds had become blossoms and the color of our dominant characteristics had changed with the unfolding of the larger bloom.

But verily, in school life, even as in nature, "leaves have their time to fall and flowers to wither," and the autumn of our days came as soon as we were ready. And it brought with it the glad Thanksgiving of November—thankful we knew so much, thankful we were no longer Freshmen or Sophomores, thankful that we would so soon be Seniors and that we had been able to achieve so much.

Many interesting events took place this year—the most important to us, being the Junior—Senior Prom.

But it was not all glory and wonder and splendor. There were tests, cultivations and the Fall planting, and with all our wisdom there was often much to be desired. We had passed through the stage of both verdancy and crimson confession, and a new color spoke the tale of our advancement.

But even this stage passed on into eternity, the fruit was all gathered and stored away within our memories, and with the snows of all the past in hoary wisdom upon our heads, we welcomed the approach of Winter—our Senior year. Rugged in our young manhood and womanhood, clad in spotless snow and frost protecting the yet immature germs of developing life from the blighting atmosphere, we stand at the end of our course.

Many of us stand in full bloom at the end of this course. We have many honor students who maintained a "B" average throughout the years. Owen Davis holds the honor of having the highest average, and Waddell Johnson ranks second. Jean Tucker and Lillian Sanders were outstanding, as members of the trio. Many of the boys won fame in sports; football, basketball and baseball. Others of our class played important roles in the Dramatic Club.

Now that we are at the end of our course, it seems a sadder time than we expected. We know not what to expect from the bleak, bare atmosphere of the world.

But we must never forget that tomorrow we will all enter into a renewal of life in a glad, bright, glorious new Spring time—Freshmen in life's school—as green and fresh again as we put forth new shoots as ever we seemed at school. We may be hazed by the world just as unmercifully as ever a Sophomore dared, but we know it will be to prove the value of our training and to give us a chance to demonstrate how very much we are alive. And so we go forth, robed in the snowy emblem of our purification, no longer green, nor red, nor ever blue.

For the last year satisfying
Must all shadows safely blow;
Senior life is purifying
And we pass—as white as snow!

by Katherine Peace

Class Song

Mary Potter

(Tune of Mona Lisa)

Mary Potter, Mary Potter,
We must leave you,
For our days of study have ended here.
It is only 'cause we have to, we are parting,
For our Mary Potter spirit lingers yet.
We do love you for your kindness, Mary Potter;
We'll remember you if near or far apart,
For the things you've instilled in our hearts
Will always be there, and they'll grow there.
And we'll spread your kind name, Mary Potter
So, farewell ole Potter, farewell once again.
Mary Potter, Mary Potter.

Marsellette Baker
Lewis E. Darrell

Class Poems

Dear old Alma Mater
The time has come for us to bid adieu.
We're sorry that we must leave
The school we love so true.

To our principal and our teachers
And our dear school-mates too,
We leave with you our dear love
In all that you may do.

Four years were spent within your walls.
We studied hard for this day.
We leave with you this little wish
That you grow with every day.

We leave to you our everlasting love
In hopes to return again.
We hope our deeds will shine above
That you may know no pain.

Farewell to you Mary Potter.
This: we hate to say.
We owe to God and you, Mary Potter
Our lives for everyday.

We've studied hard and have won it,
The goal we set out to win
With faith and courage we won it,
Now our college life must begin.

To our dear faculty our homage is due.
To you our loved ones ever so true
You have labored with patience
To help us reach our goal.

Dear School, Dear School, Dear M. P. H. S.
To you we've promised to do our best.
Mary Potter, Mary Potter, the school
We love so true.

Shirley Washington

Farewell, dear colleague of 51,
At last our given task is done.
We've had our hardships and our fears,
But even though we give all our cheers.
To dear old M. P. A.

We are now at the close of our Senior year
Which we've tackled with courage but not with fear;
As the scroll rolls back over our thoughts and deeds
You'll find that most of us will succeed.
Because of dear old M. P. A.

We now leave for each of you
Three tasks for every one to do.
The first is to stand erect and tall
And be ready to dare any challenging call.
From dear old M. P. A.

The second is to think clear and straight
And be ready to meet misfortune and fate,
And tackle each problem without a sigh
And never let our self confidence die.
For the sake of old M. P. A.

The third is to keep your chin up high
And give courage to the passers-by
Then, you too would have fulfilled your chore
When every graduate will proudly march with more
Thought of old M. P. A.

Bearing the charm and grace of every year,
And a memory of every one so dear
We join our hearts in a fond farewell
In a spirit that we'll never be able to tell
To dear old M. P. A.

So, farewell, farewell dear M. P. A.
We'll keep your standards every day,
And always remember how we were around noon
The day we marched on the first of June
Down the aisle of dear M. P. A.

Marsellette Baker

The Class Will

We the members of the class of '51 being of sound mind with a few noble exceptions do hereby make our last will and testimonial on this the 31st day of May.

To the school we give and bequeath our love and promise that her name will never die.

We give and bequeath to the faculty a sweet and unbroken succession of restful nights and peaceful dreams.

To our beloved principal our deepest reverence and our heartiest gratitude.

The following may seem trifling bequeaths, but we hope they might be accepted as a continual reminder of generosity of our heart displayed in our gratitude.

Lillian Oats wills to Jean Hill the ability to answer a question correctly and to William Harris a crushed desire for Beech Nut Chewing Gum.

Robert Smith leaves to Cecil Clarke his ability to hold a successful argument and to James and Marshal Redding a happy and successful completion of their high school career.

Marsellette Baker bequeaths to Martha Moore her ability to type as well as she did and to Cecil Clarke the ability to participate in at least one of the activities that she participated in on the campus.

Odessa Ragland bequeaths to Edith Sutton her dignity and culture.

Louise Harris wills to her sister the opportunity to save money to meet the senior expenses and to Delores Barnett the ability to refrain from being snobbish.

Madge Wilson bequeaths her senior dignity to Inez Campbell and to Etheleen Wilson her sincere regards for a successful graduation in '54.

Hortense Jones wills Pedro Nation to anyone who thinks they can get him and to Marjorie Bass the ability to keep her mouth shut.

Rozier Crew leaves his egg-shaped head to Benjamin McGhee.

John Compton leaves his ability to jibe all the women to Bro. Pete Gregory.

Lewis Darrell bequeaths his dramatic ability to Lacy Tyler.

Owen Davis wills his permission to drive the station wagon to whoever can get on the best side of Dr. Davis.

Charles Fields wills his complacency to Roy Hargrove.

Thomas Garrett wills his bossiness over the 4-B Homeroom to the student that is the class president next year.

Charles Harris leaves his athletic strength to Roy Anderson.

Robert Hicks wills his noble attitude to Clarence Harris.

Theola Wortham leaves her pongee color hair to Dorothy Goode.

Dorothy Faucette wills her neat little feet to Bettye Redding.

Marjorie Watkins leaves all of her true confession books to Rose Currin.

Margaret Crews wills her pigeoned toes to Eunice Morton to straighten out the slews and to all the dormitory girls the ability to have their fathers come for them every week-end.

Delores Gibson wills her basketball suit to Gloria Cooper provided she reduces.

Jean Tucker bequeaths her melodious voice to Carolyn Johnson, Florence McCall and Cleo Martin.

Fannie Hicks wills her excess fat to Frankie Jeffers.

Delois Thomas bequeaths her unassuming manners to Joyce Hutchinson and to Josiah Thomas all the good times that any Senior could have.

Charles Hicks bequeaths his uncouth and loud manners to Josiah Thomas.

Ellis Daye wills his "sweet papa" attitude to Robert Graham.

Seldon Dix wills his masculine ways to James Satterwhite.

Morris Watkins bequeaths his ability to bluff his way through high school to James Smith.

Percy Moss wills his ability to cut 5th period class to Theodore Brooks.

Vincent Peace wills his long, linky height to Bernard Poteat.

James Martin wills his laziness to Archie Tyler.

John Bibby wills his absentees from English when he has a special assignment to Frank Rogers.

Nathaniel Carter wills his egotism to Carl Smith.

Marjorie Wyche wills to Eudula Cooley her ability to keep friends and always to be cool, calm and collective and to Doris Burwell her one-way hair styles.

Annie Marrow wills to Pattie Johnson the ability to stay in school.

Antenor Adam bequeaths to Ross Hines and James Boone his ability to lope to Henderson—a distance of eleven miles.

Dinah Mangum wills her dimples to Eudula Cooley.

Maxine Haith bequeaths her ability to be silly at all times to Grace Davis.

Vera Murphy wills her school girl figure to Ceatrice Thorpe.

Marjorie Payne wills her "airs" to Marina Johnson.

Jarie Parker bequeaths her modesty and lady like manners to Dorothy Harris.

Malinda Pettiford bequeaths her unexcused absentee slips to Marilyn Tyler.

Jean Robinson wills her brilliancy to John Allen.

Barbara Stovell wills her ability to stay confused at all times to James Jordan.

Foy Alston wills her pleasant ways and winning smile to Isabelle Chavis.

Doris Matthews leaves her stunted height of 3 feet 10 to Patricia Cooper.

Lois Fountain bequeaths her ability to "twist" to Minnie Crews and to Tricksie her small neat size.

Maconia Satterfield wills his ability to keep one girl for three years to Charles Venable.

Elizabeth Baskerville wills her high shrill and squeaky voice to bass-talking Julia Mae Yancey.

Levi McCray wills his ability to make one—just one A in Algebra for four years to anyone who is as lazy as he.

Shirley Washington wills her one and only steady to Othelia Felder provided he wants her.

Annie Peace wills her desire to tattle to Jean Tyler.

Jean McDaniel bequeaths her whispering voice to Sarah Lockett.

Waddell Johnson wills his smooth-toned voice to Charles Sanders.

Juanita Baldwin wills her half closed eyes to Eunice Ricks and to Wilhelmina Thrower her job of ringing the bells.

Floyd Worth wills his bus license to Eugene Smith.

Christine Boone wills her persistency to chew gum at all times to Sadie Whittaco.

Sarah Branche wills her ability to get campused at the end of every school year to Wilhelminia Thrower.

Sylvia Edwards wills her Burmudian accent to Martha Moore who talks like Minnie Pearl.

Thelma Farmer wills her modeling white evening gown to Clementine Weaver.

Gwendolyn Hamme wills her drag with the teachers to Mary Virginia Holman.

Cynthia Harris wills her ability to eat in Study Hall whenever she chooses to Shirley Parker and to her brother William Harris the ability to stay in class and not in study hall.

Leroy Nutall wills his place as a member of the "Good Will Club" to any boy as "sorry" as he.

Lois Stovell wills her curved lips to Nannette Robinson.

Elsie Blizzard bequeaths her size ten feet to Annie Palmer.

Frances Cotten wills her ability to slip out of home-room to Doris Jones.

Katherine Peace wills her quiet ways to Romaine Rogers.

Lillian Sanders wills her trim, neat, waistline to Jean Hill.

Charles Bass wills his overalls that he wore so frequently to John Hall.

Earnest Ridley wills his ability to finish school in five years to Warren McGhee.

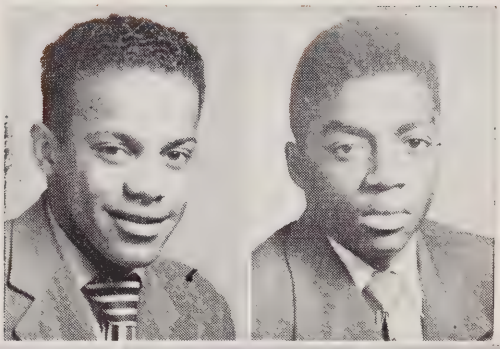
Marjorie McKenzie wills her fiery disposition to Bettie Davis.

Ionia Wilkins bequeaths to her brother Otho Wilkins the ability to become an outstanding athlete and to the girls that take Home Economics next year her technique in baking.

In witness hereof, we, the class of '51, do hereby sign, seal and declare this to be the last will and testament of the said class, sworn to the 31st night of May in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and fifty-one.

—Ionia Wilkins

Ram Staff



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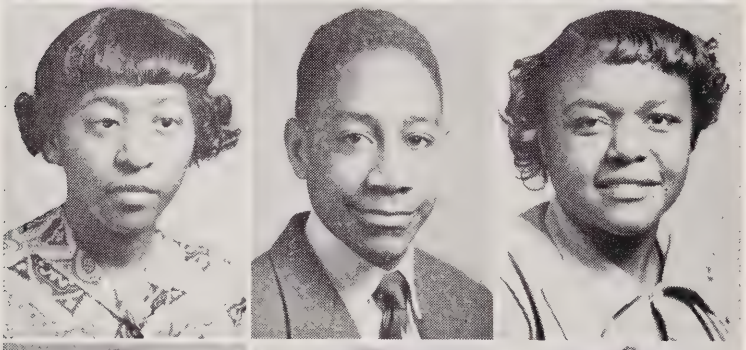

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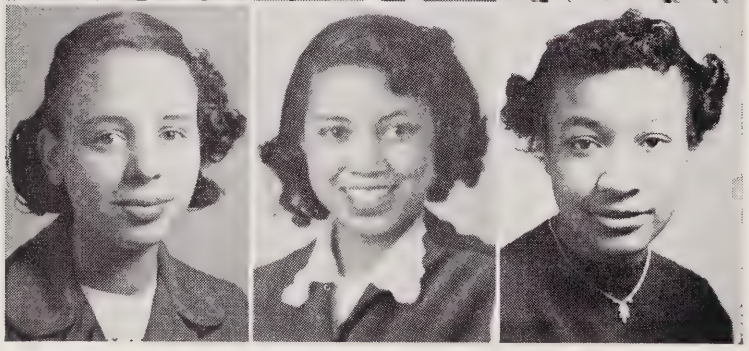

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Marsellette Baker
Jean Robinson
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Crown and Scepter Club

Motto—"*Exellence in Scholarship, Character and Service*"

Colors—Red and White

Flower—Red Carnation

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President ---------- Owen Davis
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Secretary ---------- Marina Johnson
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Carroll, Eddie
Carter, Nathaniel
Davis, Owen
Dix, Seldon
Garrett, Thomas
Gibson, Delores
Hall, John
Hamme, Gwendolyn
Johnson, Marina
Johnson, Carolyn
Johnson, Waddell
Jones, Mary
Jordan, James
McCall, Florence
McGhee, Benjamin
Murphy, Vera
Peace, Katherine
Robinson, Jean
Smith, Emma
Thompson, Richard
Thrower, Wilhelmina
Tucker, Jean
Tyler, Jean
Tyler, Marilyn
Williamson, Monroe

The Y-Teens

Colors—Blue and White

Flower—White Carnation

OFFICERS

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MEMBERS

Elsie Alston
Doris Burwell
Christine Boone
Sarah Branche
Frances Cotten
Rose Currin
Laura Cheatham
Dorothy Goode
Louise Harris
Virginia Holman
Cynthia Harris
Gwendolyn Hamme
Gwen Dean Harper
Marjorie Payne
Jarie Parker
Katherine Peace
Romaine Rogers
Odessa Ragland
Edith Sutton
Shirley Washington
Ionia Wilkins
Madge Wilson
Marjorie Wyche
Theola Wortham
Betty Redding
Annie Peace

During this year the Y-Teens have made rapid progress in their club. Some of the objectives they have met this year are:

1. Visiting a church of the community each month and making a tangible contribution each Sunday.
2. Giving of baskets of foods to the old folks of our race at the County Home.
3. Presentation of assembly programs at school and
4. Their first annual Mother-Daughter Banquet to acquaint their mothers with the things they are doing in their club.

The Hi-Y Club

Motto: *To create, maintain, and extend high standards of Christian character.*

OFFICERS

President ---------- Frank Rogers
Vice-President ---------- Benjamin McGhee
Secretary ---------- Harvey Marrable
Assistant Secretary ---------- Andrew Gooch
Treasurer ---------- Josiah Thomas
Sergeant-at-Arms ---------- William Harris
Adviser ---------- Mr. C. C. Powell

ROSTER

Adam, Antenor
Allen, Claude
Amos, Lee Page
Boone, James
Carroll, Eddie
Clarke, Cecil
Cooper, Roland
Darrell, Lewis
Davis, Owen
Dix, Seldon
Glover, McCoy
Hall, John
Harris, Elliot
Harris, Emory
Hartsfield, Melvin
Hawkins, Charles
Hines, Ross
Holman, Charles
Johnson, Waddell
Jordan, James
McCray, Levi
Mangum, Richard
Martin, James
Maynor, Godfrey
Rollins, Emory
Seagraves, David
Stewart, Samuel
Williamson, Monroe

The Hi-Y Club is a national organization of high school boys. It seeks to develop clean living, clean speech, clean scholarship, and clean sportsmanship throughout the school and community.

M. P. M. Choral Arts Club

Motto—*"He who has music in his soul, is in love with the loveliest."*

Colors—Pink and Green Flower—Pink Carnation

OFFICERS

President ---------- Josephine Fountain
Vice-President ---------- Lillian Sanders
Secretary ---------- Joan Weeks
Assistant Secretary ---------- Jean Tucker

Treasurer ---------- Marjorie Payne
Reporter ---------- Maxine Haith
Advisers ---------- Miss F. T. Hawkins, Mr. C. C. Powell

ROSTER

William Bibby
Elsie Blizzard
James Boone
Sarah Branche
Mercedes Brown
Eddie Carroll
Probyn Carter
John Cureton
Betty Davis
McCoy Glover
Maxine Haith
William Harris
Elliot Harris
Beatrice Harp
Thomas Hill
Irvin Hester
Carolyn Johnson
Waddell Johnson
Jean Leach
Harvey Marrable
Cleo Martin
Florence McCall
Levi McCray
Benjamin McGhee
Priscilla Morrison
Vera L. Murphy
Lillian Oats
Marjorie Payne
Bernard Poteat
James Redding
Frank Rogers
Lillian Sanders
James Scales
Eva Stewart
Samuel Stewart
Delois Thomas
Josiah Thomas
Jean Tucker
Edward Tyler
Clementine Weaver
Joan Weeks
Roger Wilkins

The H. S. Davis Ensemble

Motto—*"The man who hath music in his soul is in love with the loveliest."*

Colors—Purple and Gold

The H. S. Davis Ensemble is a musical organization of the boys of Mary Potter named in honor of Dr. H. S. Davis, the principal, and is directed by Mr. C. C. Powell. This group has made many appearances in the community, and other parts of the state. They are called often to sing over the local radio station. This group participated in the Durham District Music Festival which was held at the Merrick-Moore school on April 7, 1951, and brought back first place honors to dear Ole Mary Potter.

Eddie Carroll	Waddell Johnson	Tommie Hill
Alonza Green	James Boone	Monroe Williamson
Charles Hawkins	Josiah Thomas	Samuel Stewart
Godfrey Maynor	Seldon Dix	Probyn Carter
John Cureton	Emory Rollins	Eliiott Harris
James Scales	Archie Tyler	McCoy Glover
Robert Thorpe	Levi McCray	Benjamin McGhee
Robert Graham	Owen Davis	Roger Wilkins
Edward Tyler	Harvey Marrable	Leo Thorpe
Bernard Poteat	Roger Hunt	Frank Rogers
Ellis Gregory	Emory Harris	James Redding

Director_____Mr. C. C. Powell Accompanist_____Miss Marina Johnson

Commercial Co-ed Club

We Build Our Vocabulary By The Keyboard of The Typewriter

Colors—Black and White

Flower—Carnation

Adam, Antenor
Baker, Marsellette
Baldwin, Juanita
Branche, Sarah
Crew, Rozier
Darrell, Lewis
Davis, Owen
Dix, Seldon
Edwards, Sylvia
Gibson, Delores
Hall, John
Johnson, Carolyn
Johnson, Marina
Jordan, James
McCall, Florence
Moore, Martha
Murphy, Vera
Oats, Lillian
Payne, Marjorie
Robinson, Jean
Sanders, Lillian
Smith, Eugene
Stewart, Samuel
Stovell, Lois
Thomas, Delois
Thomas, Josiah
Thrower, Wilhelmina
Tucker, Jean
Tyler, Jean

OFFICERS

President ---------- Lewis Darrell
Vice-President ---------- Owen Davis
Recording Secretary ---------- Jean Tucker
Corresponding Secretary ---- Marsellette Baker
Treasurer ---------- Vera Murphy
Dean of Club ---------- Delores Gibson
Sergeant-at-Arms ---------- Rozier Crew
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms ---------- Seldon Dix
Reporter ---------- Wilhelmina Thrower
Adviser ---------- Miss Margie C. Morris

History of The Commercial Co-ed Club

"Dear C. C. C." starts our club song and so does it remind us of the many achievements of the Commercial Co-ed Club.

This club, made up of Juniors and Seniors had its beginning in the year 1946-47 under the direction of Miss M. C. Morris and Miss N. R. Plumner. In its beginning, a club mother, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Chavis was adopted because of the high interest she manifested in our club. We commemorate her interest by presenting a corsage to her every Mother's Day.

The first members of the club delineated the constitution consisting of our standards and by-laws by which we still abide. It also contains our club colors, black and white, which are worn on the meeting days, the first and third Thursdays.

The Black and White Dispatch, our club paper is published annually on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mother's Day and possibly during Graduation. This paper is distributed among the members of the club, active former members and faculty.

To the most promising student in the Commercial Department a small scholarship is given, trusting that he will continue his work in the Commercial Field.

During the years we have expressed our Christmas spirit by sending our own personalized Christmas Cards which are presented to us by our sponsor, Miss Morris.

The extra-curricular activities that have been presented by the club include: The Devil's Funeral, A Womanless Wedding, A Mother's Day Program, Quiz Program, plays entitled "A Bull Session in the Dormitory" and "A Day At The Office" and various other chapel programs.

On the lighter side, the club has sponsored all day hikes which ended at the home of our club mother who served enjoyable refreshments. She proved herself a perfect hostess as well as an ideal mother. Also during the Yuletide season a party is given to relieve the tension of hard study.

The Commercial Co-ed Club is honored and looked upon as one of the most active clubs on the campus and we will strive to maintain those set standards.

Gazette Staff

Motto—"*To satisfy our readers*"

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The members of the Gazette staff have tried to provide the school and community with the most interesting and wholesome reading materials concerning the school activities and community happenings for the past year through the school paper.

Carver Chem Cam Science Club

"To Strive For Better Living Through Science"

Colors—Pink and White

Flower—Pink Sweet Pea

President ---------- Gwendolyn Hamme
Vice-President ---------- Florence McCall
Secretary ---------- Jean Tucker
Assistant Secretary ---------- Thelma Farmer
Treasurer ---------- Vera Murphy
Reporter ---------- Sarah Branche
Adviser ---------- Mr. G. R. King

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Adam, Antenor
Alston, Cecelia
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Davis, Owen
Dix, Seldon
Farmer, Thelma
Fogg, Wilma
Gooch, Andrew
Hall, John
Hamme, Gwendolyn
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Martin, Cleo
McCall, Florence
McDaniel, Jean
Moore, Martha
Murphy, Vera
Oats, Lillian
Parker, Jarie
Payne, Marjorie
Pettiford, Malinda
Redding, Betty
Robinson, Jean
Sanders, Lillian
Smith, Emma
Smith, Sylvia
Stovell, Barbara
Stovell, Lois
Thomas, Delois
Thrower, Wilhelmina
Tucker, Jean
Tyler, Jean
Tyler, Marilyn
Washington, Shirley

The Carver Chem Cam Club was organized in 1943. It is affiliated with the National Organization, Science Clubs of America.

Photography and the presentation of science programs were the outstanding projects for the school year of 1950-51.

The New Homemakers of America

Motto: *"Better Homes for a Better Nation."*

Colors—Blue and White

Flower—Red Rose

OFFICERS

President	Delores Gibson	Assistant Secretary	Joan Weeks
Vice-President	Ionia Wilkins	Reporter	Katherine Peace
Secretary	Dorothy Faucette	Adviser	Mrs. M. J. Holley

OTHER MEMBERS

Allen, Bernice
Alston, Foy
Alston, Cecilia
Baldwin, Juanita
Bass, Mack
Blizzard, Elsie
Carter, Probyn
Cotten, Frances
Crew, Rozier
Daye, Ellis
Edwards, Sylvia
Farmer, Thelma
Fitts, Betty
Fitts, Marion
Faucett, Dorothy
Gibson, Delores
Harris, Dorothy
Harris, Cynthia
Harris, Louise
Harper, Gwinne Dean
Henderson, Ruth
Marrow, Annie
Mangum, Dinah
Matthews, Doris
Meadows, Irene
McDaniels, Jean
Moore, Martha
Moore, Catherine
McNeil, Beulah
Parker, Jarie
Peace, Annie
Peace, Katherine
Perry, Georginna
Smith, Barbara
Smith, Sylvia
Stovell, Lois
Stovell, Barbara
Taborn, Bessie
Thorpe, Norvelle
Thorpe, Willie
Thomas, Rosa Lee
Tyler, Lacy
Washington, Shirley
Weeks, Joan
William, Catherine
Wilkerson, Bernice
Wilson, Delores
Wilkins, Ionia
Wortham, Elizabeth
Wortham, Theola
Wortham, Queen
Wyche, Marjorie

The New Farmers of America

The Vocational Agriculture Department has an enrollment of 70 students, this year. Seventeen of them are girls. The students of Agriculture are taught how to appreciate the farm and the many advantages and opportunities that come to a boy or girl who is exposed to farm living and training. All students enrolled in Agriculture are encouraged to carry out a supervised farm practice program. This program consists of livestock, crops, and home beautification—under livestock, such projects as raising chickens for fryers or layers, and swine project—producing pigs for breeding and marketing purposes.

Emphasis is placed on vegetable growing and conservation of vegetables to show their importance, as a means of producing ample food supply for the home during the year.

The New Farmers of America is an organization composed of Agriculture students. This organization teaches the correct procedure in conducting and carrying out meetings. It also sponsors contests on local, district and state levels. There are contests of public talent, officers ability, quartet singing, and quizzing.

Annual Banquets are held each year as a means of social activity. Also, these banquets give an opportunity for the parents to hear some of the accomplishments of the Agriculture Department.

OFFICERS OF THE N. F. A.

President	David Henderson	Treasurer	Nathaniel Yancey
Vice President	Roland Cooper	Reporter	Wilbert Steed
Secretary	Charles Hawkins	Adviser	Mr. R. A. Lewis

Library Club

MOTTO

A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever.—Tupper

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Seldon G. Dix	President
Louis Darrell	Vice-President
John Hall	Club Reporter
Jean Tucker	Secretary
Vera Murphy	Treasurer
Miss A. T. Singleton	Adviser

MEMBERS

Lillian Oats
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Sarah Branche
Thelma Farmer
Marselette Baker
Delois Thomas
Juanita Baldwin
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Grady Rice
James Boone
Charles E. Harris
Robert Hicks
Charles Daniels
Antenor Adam
Nathaniel Carter
Cecil Clark
Percy Moss, Jr.
James Jordon
Talmadge Hunt
Jean McDaniels
Roy Anderson
Bettye Redding
Marjorie Payne
Carolyn Johnson
Ross M. Hines
Catherine Moore
Ethelene Wilson
Gwendolyn Hamme

"Rams"

FALL LINE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Games Won—5 Tied—1 Lost—3

No.	*Name*	*Pos.*
7	Probyn Carter	Q.B.
62	Otho Wilkins	Q.B.
61	Ellis Daye	H.B.
29	Edward Spruill	H.B.
1	Edward Bodison	H.B.
26	Frederick Hester	H.B.
13	Claude Allen	H.B.
16	Robert Mallory	H.B.
64	Leo Thorpe	H.B.
35	James Hutcherson	F.B.
33	William Harris	F.B.
31	Leonard Norman	F.B.
68	Roger Wilkins	C.
14	Melvin Hartsfield	C.
70	Harris Hartsfield	R.G.
65	Eddie Carroll	R.G.
19	Wesley Walker	R.G.
75	Alexander Carroll	H.B.

No.	*Name*	*Pos.*
47	Maconia Satterfield	L.G.
12	McCoy Glover	L.G.
69	John Umstead	L.G.
60	Richard Mangum	L.G.
57	Luther Anderson	R.T.
10	Charles Harris	R.T.
42	Frank Wilson	R.T.
2	Charles Fields	R.E.
63	Richard Thompson	R.E.
67	John White	R.E.
34	Levi McCray	R.E.
66	Frank Rogers	L.E.
45	Ernest Ridley	L.E.
18	Vernon Greene	L.E.
34	William Hester	L.T.
32	Ross Hines	L.T.
72	Andrew Gooch	H.B.
77	James Wilkerson	R.T.

Co-captains—Frank Rogers, James Hutcherson
Trainers—Emory Rollins, Warren McGhee, Roland Cooper
Manager—James Martin
Coaches—Mr. G. R. King, Mr. S. C. Davis

"Homecoming"

Miss Minnie Crews of the 11-B Class and her attendants, Miss Elizabeth Baskerville (12-A Class), Miss Ionia Wilkins (12-B Class).

Varsity Basketball

Front Row: Left to right.

Captain: Elsie Foy Alston, Cynthia Harris, Joyce Hutchinson, Co-Captain: Pattye Johnson, Vera Murphy.

Second Row:

Trainer: Jean Tucker, Mary V. Holman, Ionia Wilkins, Romaine Rogers, Ceatris Thorpe, Lillian Saunders, Coach H. K. Gilreath.

Last Row:

Willie B. Thorpe, Frankie Jeffers, Maxine Haith, Barbara Speed, Carolyn Hester.

Those absent from picture:

Bettye Bailey, Martha Moore, Delores Gibson.

Midget Basketball

The midget league was formed in order to provide opportunity for more students to participate in athletics at Mary Potter. It was organized by the physical education department under the supervision of Mr. S. C. Davis.

Teams taking part in the league were "The Angels", "Wolf Pack", "Demon Deacons", "Blue Devils" and "The Globetrotters".

"DEMON DEACONS" (winners)

Archie Tyler (captain)
Edward Bodison
Carl Smith
Charles Fields
Alexander Carroll
Roy Ward
Robert Edwards
Roland Cooper
James Satterwhite
Angus Cooper

"WOLF PACK" (runners-up)

Claude Allen (captain)
John Bibby
Leo Thorpe
Alonzo Greene
Lee Page Amos
Richard Mangum
Edward Tyler

Varsity Basketball

FALL LINE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Games Won—15 Lost—7

First row, left to right—Ellis Daye, (co-captains) Ross Hines and Lacy Tyler, James Hutcherson, and Frank Rogers.

Second row—Josiah Thomas, Trainer, Ellis Gregory, Charles Hawkins, Robert Graham, Otha Wilkins, Harvey Marrable, Godfrey Maynor, and Edward Bodison, Manager.

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"Claude" and "Rose" lovers for ~~five~~ years.

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"That unbearable ~~affair~~ with a certain someone that turned out to be serious." ([redacted])

Mrs. Gillespie and her "proper" pronunciation of words: such as All The Time.

"Dr." the black cat who could become a skating champion with little or no trouble. (He was my favorite until "Pas")

my two weeks vacation in Petersburg and that guy called "James Maddox."